

Laurence Jackson School
Minutes of the Student Council Meeting
Special Meeting
Held on February 8 2008

Present: Mr Gavin, Mrs C Garcia, Kate Wilson, John Meredith, Katie Allen, Laura Armstrong, Hugh Wilson, Ryan Jackson, David Dalby-Webb, Matthew Young, Josh Anderson, Helen Wardell, Laura Solomon, Andrew Watson, Ben Atkinson

1 Apologies

Mr Broadbent, Toni Patterson, Matthew Young, Martin Lynas

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting 25 January signed off as a true record

Matters Arising

Uniform

Mrs Garcia confirmed that the 3 sweatshirts had been ordered (small, medium and large) for Martin, Helen and Laura. They will be distributed at a future Student Council Meeting once received.

Standards and Expectations

Mr Gavin explained how students will be picked up at the last period of the term that had been on the teachers' monitoring sheets, and handed a yellow card. Any re offence would be a red card and an exclusion along with a return contract with strict conditions.

Music Passes

These had been distributed as agreed at a previous meeting

Recycling

Can and bottles to be a future Agenda item

Lockers

Mrs Hall has still to confirm whether 9K lockers were in the right place.

Students had concerns about the damage to lockers and the security of them. Mr Gavin said this would be a key area once the toilets were sorted out. A discussion took place of whether they should be decorated

Action Lockers to be an Agenda item next term

Rewards

Students identified the following:

Current system did not work. Not enough merits were given out. Could a system be introduced were these could be tracked electronically with points. So many points led to a reward – free school meal, money off prom, brought to school in a limo. Whilst merits are recorded in the planner, the date awarded was not recorded and there was no recognition from parents. The blue slip system was better for this. They liked vouchers (but not for books!), cinema tickets, music vouchers, IPOD vouchers. They also liked the positive postcards.

Toilets

Council reviewed the toilet survey data and asked why some taps were still not working. Mrs Garcia confirmed that she had reviewed the findings with Mrs Hall and Mario and agreed that contractors would be called were no action had taken place. Mrs Garcia shared concern that students were not respecting the toilets and that the male toilets in both the upper and lower school and female lower school students were kicking the taps. The students said soap was never available despite the survey suggesting it was. Students raised a concern about the level of graffiti in the girl's toilets in the Sports Centre.

Mr Gavin suggested the following

Lower school (M&F), Upper school (B), main corridor (G) to be open before and after school.

All toilets to be available during break

All toilets to be closed during lessons – access for key from the main office

Lower school only to be available at lunch times.

Action Mr Gavin to agree opening times with Mrs Hall

BSF

Mr Gavin thanked the students who represented the school, they were great ambassadors. Students explained the purpose of the day and how it had been great to experience the latest technology. Of particular appeal was the remote working utilising ICT. Mr Gavin confirmed how any new build should over cover spaces for students and social areas such a Drama studio with capacity to show films.

Next Meeting

Friday 29 February, SR2 12.30

Meeting closed 1315